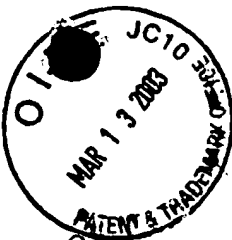


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Attorney Docket No. SIC-99-036

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Elizabeth J. Deland

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

YOSHIAKI NANKO, et al

Application No.: 09/474,916

Filed: December 29, 1999

For: DRIVE MECHANISM FOR A
BICYCLE TRANSMISSION ASSIST
MECHANISM

) Examiner: M. Charles

) Art Unit: 3682

) AMENDMENT

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Commissioner:

This is a response to the Office Action mailed November 5, 2002. A petition to extend time to respond accompanies this amendment. Kindly amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1, 7, 8, 24, 31, 35, 36 and 38 as follows

1. (Twice Amended) A drive mechanism for a bicycle transmission assist mechanism comprising:

a crank arm having a crank axle mounting hole around a rotational axis;

a drive member supported coaxial with the rotational axis and including:

a first abutment facing a forward rotational direction of the crank arm; and

a first sloped surface extending from a radially outer portion of the abutment and facing a rearward rotational direction of the crank arm; and

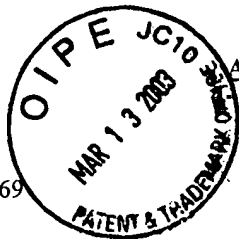
wherein the drive member is not used to couple sprockets to the crank arm.

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Commissioner:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

- ☒ Enclosed is a petition to extend time to respond.
☐ Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.
☐ A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
☐ Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 with copies of cited references.
☒ Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503).

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☐ No fee is due.

☒ Claims fee \$ 294

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